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SUBJECT: INDO-NEPALESE RELATIONS

1. NEPALESE PRIME MINISTER DR. TULSI GIRI REPRESENTED HIS COUNTRY AT THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE INDIAN PRESIDENT, FEBRUARY 13. ACCORDING TO THE COUNSELOR OF THE NEPALESE EMBASSY, JAI RANA, DR. GIRI CALLED ON MRS. GANDHI, BUT SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS OF INDO-NEPALESE RELATIONS WERE NOT RAISED.

2. RANA SAID THAT BILATERAL QUESTIONS SHOWED LITTLE SIGN OF MOVEMENT AT THIS TIME, BUT HE THOUGHT THAT THE PACE MIGHT PICK UP AFTER THE INDIAN ELECTIONS. TALKS ON THE TRADE AND TRANSIT AGREEMENT ARE STILL BEING HELD AT THE EMBASSY-FOREIGN MINISTRY LEVEL BUT WITHOUT REAL PROGRESS. THE NEPALESE, RANA SAID, WERE STILL ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE UPON THE PRESENT TREATY, BUT HE DOUBTED THAT THE GOI WOULD AGREE TO ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES. HE DID NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT RECENTLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED. RANA SAID THAT TALKS AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL MIGHT BE RESUMED IN APRIL. AS FOR THE VARIOUS RIVER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SUCH AS KARNALI, RANA SAID THAT HERE TOO THERE HAD BEEN VERY LITTLE MOVEMENT RECENTLY.

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3. PROFESSOR OF NEPALESE STUDIES AT NEHRU UNIVERSITY, L. S. BARAL, A NEPALI CONGRESS, PRIVATELY COMMENTED THAT THE NEPALI CONGRESS WAS DEAD. HE ADDED THAT B. P. KOIRALA'S YOUNGER BROTHER, WHO IS STILL IN INDIA, COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A SUCCESSOR TO LEAD THE MOVEMENT.  
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